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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

S. WATARI et al

Serial No. 10/091,425

Filed: March 7, 2002

For: APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY DETECTING SIZE TO BE
DETECTED AND AUTOMATIC ANALYZER USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 28, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed April 24, 2002, and the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed March 27, 2002, Applicants submit herewith new pages 13-19 of the specification, which renumber the pages so that the claims begin on a separate sheet.

As required, a copies of the NOTICES of March 27 and April 24, 2002, are enclosed herewith.

It is believed that no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional

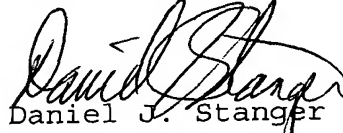
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fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to our
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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 04/09/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 03/27/2002 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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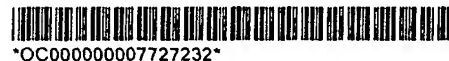
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- The claim(s) contained on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.53(b)).

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